## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Susan Brooks Chairwoman House Committee on Ethics 1015 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Theodore E. Deutch Ranking Member House Committee on Ethics 1015 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Brooks and Ranking Member Deutch:

The Freshman class of the 115th Congress, request a full and complete investigation into reports that Members of Congress have been using taxpayer dollars to cover up sexual harassment for years. Assuming these allegations are true, this is yet another example of politicians playing by a different set of rules, and is an affront to the hardworking taxpayers forced to foot the bill for these heinous actions. As Members of Congress, we must set the highest standard of moral character, have zero tolerance for deviant behavior, and hold one another accountable.

Specifically, we request information regarding all instances of Members using office funds to settle claims with alleged sexual assault victims. The information requested should include the identity of the Members involved. Furthermore, we propose implementation of severe penalties for this behavior to prevent future offenses. American taxpayers deserve full transparency and accountability on this matter, and we must deliver for them.

Our Freshman Class will, and this entire Congress must, demand full transparency and shine a light on this issue. We stand with the victims and the people who elected us as we root out sexual harassment in Congress.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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